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Applicant : CHOU et al. Confirmation No: 7579
Appl. No. : 10/809,357
Filed : March 26, 2004
Title : Welding Flux for Use in Arc-Welding of Stainless Steels,
Method for Welding Stainless Steel Members Using the
Welding Flux

TC/A.U. : 1742
Examiner : D. J. Jenkins

Docket No.: : CHOU3097/REF
Customer No: : 23364

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of December 15, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. This response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.